

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Continuation Application based on co-pending Application of:

Applicants : LeRoy Dickson et al.  
Serial No. : 09/071,512  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231

**DECLARATION UNDER C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Sir:

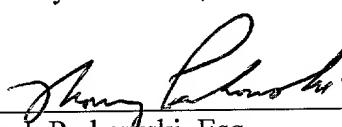
I, Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., attorney of record in the above identified case, hereby declare and certify that the attached Xerox copy of the application is a true copy of original co-pending Application Serial No. 09/071,512 filed May 1, 1998.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein are his own knowledge, are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

The present application continues prosecution of subject matter originally disclosed in co-pending Application Serial No. 09/071,512 filed May 1, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

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